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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: The Cross Country News, Fort Worth, Texas
(Article dated 31 January 1963)**

1. An article appeared in the 31 January 1963 issue of the Subject aeronautical newsletter. A copy of the article is attached.

2. Attached is a Dun and Bradstreet report dated August 21, 1962 on the Cross Country News and its owner, Ellen Antoinette Page.

3. On 11 February 1963 Mr. C. L. "Kelly" Johnson, of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, indicated that the source of speculation concerning the supersonic transport (as reflected in the article in question) probably developed through formerly cleared personnel at Convair. He speculated that with the TFX underway both Convair and Grumman are contacting industrial vendors who are presently associated with the OXCART program, and perhaps "a few remarks were dropped along the way."

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4. [redacted], a cleared vice-president of Convair, will visit Washington, D. C., the week of 18 February 1963. It is planned to discuss with [redacted] his opinions as to the extent to which knowledge of the OXCART program is available throughout Convair and solicit his reaction as to the probable source of the article in question. During these discussions with [redacted], it is planned to arrange for further discussions with [redacted] Chief, Security of Convair, Fort Worth. It is hoped to solicit the assistance of [redacted] in monitoring speculation concerning the activities in Mr. "Kelly" Johnson's area at Lockheed and also to ascertain from [redacted] further information concerning the Cross Country News.

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5. Since Mr. Najeeb Halaby, Director of the FAI, is mentioned prominently in the article in question, and since he will say be contacted by the Press, a copy of the article attached will be provided to Mr. Halaby, hopefully on this date. He has been out of town and is expected to return to Washington on 18 February 1963.

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Chief, Security Branch
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"THE CROSS COUNTRY NEWS"

31 January 1963

"LOCKHEED SST SAID IN X STAGE. A HIGHLY GUARDED SECRET MAY BE REVEALED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT, BURBANK IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT, OFF THE DRAWING BOARDS, EVEN IN THE X STAGE LOCKHEED OFFICIALS SAY NOTHING. NO DETAILS CAME WITH THIS TIP, FROM SOURCES CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE.

"HOWEVER, IF THE LOCKHEED SST IS FLYING, OR ALREADY FOR FLIGHT TESTS, IT MAY EXPLAIN WHY NAJEEB HALABY, CHIEF OF THE FAA, ASKED THE SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP, TO SLOW DOWN ON THEIR \$1 BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT. GOAL HAS BEEN TO HAVE A US SST FLYING BY 1972. FRANCE AND BRITAIN ARE IN A JOINT VENTURE, EXPECTED HAVE A 1,450 MPH PASSENGER PLANE OPERATING BY 1970. THE US IS EXPECTING TO TEST THE 2,000 MPH RS-70, THIS SPRING.

"LOCKHEED MAY INDEED REPEAT THEIR SLOGAN "LOOK TO LOCKHEED FOR LEADERSHIP", IF THEY BREAK THE WORLD MARKET WIDE OPEN WITH THE SST IN 1963."

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